

## News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

### European War News

German seaplanes raided the east coast and the County of Kent. The war office announced that one person was killed and two injured by German bombs. One seaplane was destroyed.

George Bolloit, French automobile racer and aviator, has been killed in a fight with five German aeroplanes. He succeeded in bringing down one of the German machines before a bullet pierced his heart.

Seven aeroplanes, of which two were German and five French, were shot down in action on the western front during the day. The German statement reports the destruction of four French machines in a single engagement.

Russian troops have joined the British at Mesopotamia and an allied drive on Baghdad is now believed to be imminent. The Russians, after a wild and adventurous ride from Persia, joined the column of Gen. Sir G. Gorringe, which is fighting its way up the Tigris toward Kut, says dispatches to London.

The terrific German offensive west of the Meuse which was believed to have reached its climax with the capture of first-line trenches in the Avo-court woods and on Hill 204, developed new violence and resulted in a new advance of the Germans on the western slopes of Dead Man Hill. The French defeat at this point is officially admitted in the communique received from Paris.

One hundred and fifty steamers have been assembled at the Hungarian seaport of Fiume to transport troops, munitions and supplies under protection of the Austro-Hungarian fleet to Durazzo, Albania. This information was received at Paris in advices from Innsbruck.

Corporal Kiffin Rockwell of Atlanta, Ga., a member of the American flying squadron, attacked a German aeroplane operating near Hartmannswillerkopf, says a statement issued at Paris. The German machine was brought down in flames.

Since January 1 enemy merchant ships having a total tonnage of 671,500 have been sunk by German and Austrian submarines, it was announced at Berlin.

Amsterdam dispatches issued by the Overseas News agency at Berlin state that members of the crew of the Cymric on their arrival at Liverpool reported the White Star liner had been sunk by an explosion of its boilers.

The capture of a small French position on Hill 287, northwest of Verdun, by the Germans, was admitted by the French war office at Paris.

Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, announced in the house of commons at London that the government had been informed by Sir Henry Howard, British minister at the Vatican, that representations have been made to Germany by the Vatican with a view to inducing Germany to abandon submarine warfare.

The Italian official communication issued at Rome admits the evacuation by the Italians of Zegnatorra (in the Lagarina valley south of Trent), and also of the line from Monte Maggio to Sagliadoglio, between the Tarragnolo valley and the upper Astico (south-west of Trent), after several days of violent artillery bombardments.

### Domestic

Rev. Herbert Welch, D. D., LL. D., was elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church on the eighth ballot taken at the present general conference at Saratoga, N. Y. Thomas Nicholson was elected a bishop on the ninth ballot and Rev. A. W. Leonard on the tenth.

An absolute decree of divorce was awarded at Saratoga, N. Y., to Mrs. Louise Lord Caldwell, lately of Paris and formerly of Mobile, Ala. Edward B. Caldwell made a fortune installing gas plants in southern cities.

Jose Buenostrofe and Melquides Chaps, Mexicans, convicted of the murder of A. L. Austin and his son Charles, in the Mexican border raids last fall, were hanged at Brownsville, Tex.

The northern Baptist convention at Minneapolis empowered a commission to sit as a court of all differences between affiliated societies and thus bring about more effective co-operation between Baptist organizations.

More than \$300,000 worth of whisky, beer and gin has been seized by representatives of the state attorney general's office in raids on 30 places in Georgia, according to information received at Montgomery, Ala.

A four-day convention, with nomination of presidential candidates on Friday, June 3, was announced at Chicago in the official program of the Progressive national convention, beginning June 7. Victor Murdock, chairman of the Progressive national committee, will call the convention to order at noon on Wednesday, June 7.

A hint that he may soon move for world peace was dropped by President Wilson in an address to a tremendous gathering assembled at Charlotte, N. C., to honor the little band of mountaineer farmers who 141 years ago announced their independence of Great Britain in the Mecklenburg declaration.

Five men were shot, one seriously, in a strike at the plant of the Ansonia Manufacturing company at Ansonia, Conn.

Rock Island arsenal is to be made one of the greatest munitions factories of the country under appropriations made by the house committee on appropriations at Washington, the plan to be perfected by the war department. A field artillery ammunition plant costing \$1,250,000 is to be erected at this arsenal.

Justice Charles E. Hughes of the United States Supreme court is leading in the Oregon primary preference vote for Republican nominee for president.

Governor Morehead of Nebraska named William J. Bryan a delegate to the meeting of the League to Enforce Peace at Washington May 26 and 27.

Theodore Roosevelt urged thorough military preparedness for the United States and pleaded for true Americanism in two addresses at Detroit, Mich.

Ward Macauley of Detroit was elected president of the Booksellers' Association of America at Chicago, in succession to John J. Wood of Cleveland.

### Mexican Revolt

Two troops of the Fourteenth cavalry are making a forced march southward from a point 40 miles below the river to Cerro Blanco to re-enforce Major Langhorne's 90 troopers, who were reported at Marathon, Tex., beleaguered by several hundred Yaqui Indians.

The order of withdrawal sent to the Sibley-Langhorne expeditionary column two days ago has been countermanded and the American troops which invaded Mexico in search of the Glen Springs bandits will remain indefinitely, it is reported at Marathon, Tex.

The Sixth regiment of American cavalry, consisting of about eight hundred men detached from General Pershing's column, arrived at the expeditionary base at Columbus, N. M., riding from Mexico through a blinding duststorm. The troops are the first to be withdrawn.

### Foreign

The last act in the domestic tragedy of Claude Grahame-White and his beautiful American wife is set for hearing in the divorce court at London on an early date. Mrs. Grahame-White charges Grahame-White is guilty of desertion, and, further, "that he was with some woman."

That Jeremiah C. Lynch, a citizen of the United States, was condemned to death by a British court-martial was officially admitted by the British foreign office at London. Lynch's sentence, as previously announced, has been commuted to ten years' penal servitude.

### Washington

Attempted frauds and evasions of the income tax law aggregating \$8,380,185 have been frustrated by the treasury department, it was announced at Washington, during the first nine months of the current fiscal year. The \$8,380,185 has been added to the incorrect returns assessed against the delinquent corporations and individuals and will be collected.

The army reorganization plan developed in conference between the senate and house at Washington and providing for a larger standing army for the country, together with increased and enlarged defenses, was approved by the house by a vote of 349 to 25. The bill provides a standing army of about 218,000 men. The bill is now ready for the president's signature.

President Wilson, acting at the request of Senator O'Gorman of New York, sent a message through the state department at Washington to Ambassador Page at London directing him to make every possible effort to secure delay in the execution of sentence on Jeremiah C. Lynch of New York, a naturalized American, convicted by a court-martial of being implicated in the Irish rebellion.

The administration shipping bill, designed to uphold the American merchant marine through federal aid, passed the house at Washington by a vote of 211 to 161.

Germany, through Ambassador von Bernstorff, at Washington, has instructed all German consuls in the United States to admonish German citizens in their districts to observe American laws scrupulously. This is done in an effort to end various alleged violations of American neutrality.

## THE MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

THERE ARE NO FUNDS FOR FOUR MORE BATTERIES THAT THE COMPLEMENT REQUIRES.

MUST BE FINANCED LOCALLY

The University of Michigan Corps Can Be Taken in If An Army Is Furnished For the Purpose.

Lansing.—The Michigan National Guards needs four more batteries of artillery, needs them badly to make the complement suggested by the United States war department, but the state has no money with which to maintain them and consequently all batteries that are now supposed to be in process of organization, in the state, independent of the National Guard, will have to arrange for their own expenses.

This in substance is the answer of the state military officers to reports that have been circulated regarding the formation of new batteries of artillery, particularly at the University of Michigan. One report had it that Battery B, of Lansing, had been ordered disbanded by the war department officials and the equipment transferred to the university.

"We need four more batteries of artillery," says Adjutant-General John S. Bersey. "But the state military fund has not the money to maintain them. A battery of artillery costs about \$7,000 a year and the state fund is now being used right up to the limit. Until we can get more money, either through an appropriation from the legislature or through action by congress, there is no use of our talking of forming any more batteries."

"But where the people of a city finance the deal themselves and furnish a battery that will stand the government's inspection we can take it into the National Guard. We can do nothing for them unless the battery is financed independently."

Ann Arbor.—Professor Hobbs, says only the consent of the Regents of the University and an armory is necessary to form a battery at that institution. He quotes Brigadier General A. L. Mills, U. S. A., who wrote the professor: "It is essential that a battery at the University of Michigan should be incorporated in the state forces prior to reorganization by the federal government. It is also essential that a suitable building should be provided as an armory for the safe-guarding of the material and for the instruction of the personnel. This appears to be the principal item of expense to states and the real reason why their quota of field artillery has not been furnished. If the university could provide a building for this purpose, it is probable that the state would be willing to accept the battery. The essential objects to be attained are the provision of armory facilities and the recognition by the university of the value of military training in the curriculum. If you can secure these provisions from the university there should be no difficulty in having the state accept the battery and in having the federal government supply it with equipment and other authorized allowances."

### MEMORIAL DAY

Governor Ferris has issued the customary proclamation urging the observance of Tuesday, May 30th as Decoration and Memorial Day. He advises that "While decorating the graves of the 'Boys in Blue', let us lovingly remember our Spanish War Veterans; likewise the patriotic self-sacrifice of American mothers who gave us our heroes. As a part of the public exercises of Memorial Day, I suggest that bells be tolled from 12:00 o'clock noon until 12:05; that flags be placed at half mast, and that comrades stand with uncovered heads during this period."

### MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

Sixty thousand perch received from the Mill Creek hatchery Wednesday were planted in lakes in the southern part of Barry county.

While the corner of Kent county is performing an autopsy on the body of Fred Saur, a rich widower, his relatives are vigorously digging on his farm at Lisbon, near Sparta, in search of the fortune he is supposed to have buried there when he took his own life to avoid appearing in probate court Monday on a petition by his relatives to have a guardian appointed.

C. E. Thompson, of Jonesville, was knocked from a chair in his home by a bolt of lightning during Monday's storm. A tree near the house was shattered. Several barns and houses in the vicinity were struck.

The disappearance of numerous lambs and young chickens from the farms near Elba, has been explained. Summer Curtis, while out hunting spied what he thought to be a large hawk and shot the bird through the head with a rifle. He found it to be a black eagle measuring seven feet two inches from tip to tip.

## MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

Lakes of Johnson and Baltimore townships have been planted with 60,000 trout fry.

Attorney-General Fellows has ruled that state game wardens have the right to cross private lands in patrolling streams.

The court has ordered the affairs of the defunct Richmond Elevator Co. wound up. Trustee B. C. Preston has \$26,000 which will be distributed among 20 creditors.

The jury in the \$5,000 slander suit brought by Miss Hazel Hastings against Mrs. Hazen A. Horton was tried in Marshall but was unable to agree after 20 ballots.

Neil McDougal, 3 year old, of North Branch, Mich., died of a fractured skull received when his machine turned over on a sharp corner near Frankenmuth Sunday morning.

The annual encampment of the Michigan national guard will be at Grayling, August 3 to 12, according to the decision of the state military board at a meeting held in Detroit.

June 1 a plan goes into effect in Grand Rapids whereby persons who perform heroic deeds will be rewarded with a suitable medal which is to be issued by the Association of Commerce.

The receipts of the postoffice at Durand have passed the \$5,000 mark and the office will be advanced July 1 from the third to the second class. This will place employees of the office within the civil service.

Alexander Sarrell, a fireman in the employ of the Detroit, Monroe & Toledo Shore Line railroad, was seriously injured, if not fatally, injured when Caroline Balkie, a 19-year-old Wyandotte girl, struck him with a stone, thrown in fun.

Judge Louis H. Fead, Chippewa county circuit court, has denied a motion of the defense for a new trial in the case of William S. Lalonde, lately convicted of committing criminal assault against 15-year-old Edith Innes.

Charged with having in his possession a gill net within one-half mile of a lake, Traverse Rose, farmer of Orangeville, was arrested by Deputy Game Warden Millenbacher and fined by Justice Madison. The net, which was 150 feet long, was confiscated.

State officials drug the claim of Prof. P. S. Lovejoy, of the University of Michigan forestry department, that fire in forests could be prevented for two cents an acre. The state fire marshal wants the university professor to contract with the state to prevent fires at this rate.

Grand Rapids' Memorial day parade will not be patterned after the great preparedness demonstration of New York, but will solely be a tribute to the nation's heroes, living and dead. Plans to follow the New York idea were first adopted but the opposition changed the plans.

The police of Grand Rapids are searching for the driver of the car in which rode Miss Iva Ford, 22, of Lowell, who died of injuries sustained when the auto collided with a street car after a visit to a road house. Two men and two girls in the party gave fictitious names and fled.

The Michigan statute imposing a high license tax on public employment agencies and forcing them to give bond to the state and submit to strict regulations by the state commissioner of labor, was held constitutional by the supreme court.

Threatening vengeance when he regained consciousness after being struck by an automobile, Arthur Campion, a Denton farmer, was left on the road by Negroes driving the machine which collided with his pony cart, and was not found until early Sunday morning. His condition is serious owing to exposure.

A photograph was taken in Hastings recently to illustrate a snake story. The proprietor of a candy store found 15 large snakes sunning themselves in a vacant lot near the Buxton block. Some of them were more than two feet in length. No one suspected there were so many snakes in town, as Barry is a local option county.

Law officers have traced the burning of the school books in the Reynolds school house, Concord township, Jackson county, to Clifford and Harmon Rogers, aged 15 and 11 years. They burned their own books with the others in the furnace. The parents of the boys probably will have to stand the expense of supplying the pupils with new books, pencils and tablets.

Five generations are living in the family of Daniel Stivers, of Litchfield, and he has the distinction of being the oldest resident of southern Michigan, having just passed his one hundred and first birthday anniversary. The other four generations are: Mrs. Simon B. Hadley, Walter S. Hadley, Mrs. W. J. Anderson and Genevieve Anderson. Stivers was born in New York state in 1815. His father was a soldier in the revolution.

The Northern Michigan Development congress will convene again this fall at Ludington.

Ole Anderson, who recently came to Cadillac from Sweden, is beginning to doubt the right of America to its claim as the land of the free. He left his job as an army baker in Europe to cross the ocean in search of liberty, but he has spent most of his time in jail for being drunk. Anderson says he could get drunk in Sweden every week without attracting attention, and that the liberty of America is all bosh.

## NEW AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS SOLVED

THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL WILL GIVE VALUABLE SERVICE.

FARM BUSINESS IMPORTANT

Every Farmer and Farmer's Son May Acquire Knowledge of Great Value From Experts Who Will Impart It This Summer.

East Lansing.—Farm business is a characteristic product of the new agriculture. Time was when self-subsistence was the beginning and the end of farming, but the railroad, interurban and telephone have changed all this and the market must now be listened to by the farmer in the same way as by the manufacturer and the merchant. Within the limits fixed by environment the market determines his crop routine, his type of farming, his relations to the middleman and finally the balance of profit or loss which greets him at the end of the season. This change was brought about in farm business as a distinct side of agriculture.

Marketing is perhaps the leading aspect of this new phase of agriculture and the big place that marketing has in the farmer's outlook is doubtless caused by the fact that so much of the high prices which the consumer pays for farm products disappears before it reaches the farmer. Perhaps this is the fault of the middleman or it may be that the farmer himself is not a good marketer, but at any rate this is one of the problems with which farm business is concerned. The profitable selling of "two blades of grass" where only one was sold before has become the big problem in farming and all departments of agricultural study at the State Agricultural College, Lansing, are giving interest and effort to this matter.

Inseparable from good farm management goes the scoring of results known as farm accounting. Where the profit or loss comes from upon the farm, and when and why, is the aspect of farm business of which accounting takes charge. The intensive style of farming which the city man seems to cherish as the ideal type shows up badly when brought to the balances and inventories of the accountant and it is demonstrated that many of the farmer's "blue ribbon" products are his biggest failures.

The higher prices for his products is not the only way in which this most wide spread epidemic has affected the farmer. He is a buyer as well as seller and the doubling in the value of land and horses and other farm necessities in recent years has done much to cripple his gains. Farm business teaches that the farmer must have better means of credit than he has previously enjoyed and the "Hollis Rural Credit" bill now pending in Congress is proof of the farmer's need along this line. Credit facilities specialized to his peculiar needs in the same way that railroads and manufacturers have trust companies and merchants have banks will prove a long needed boon to the farmer. The college has shown a warm interest in supporting this phase of the farmer's business through numerous conferences during the past few years of prominent farmers and bankers to discuss this matter.

The "get together" movement or co-operation has not been overlooked by the college teachers. Business co-operation has indeed always received the approval of the college faculty since one of the oldest co-operative merchant associations within the state has been maintained upon the campus for almost two decades. In recent years the possibilities of using this co-operative principle among farmers has been strongly endorsed. It was at the Michigan Agricultural college that one of the oldest types of farm co-operative undertakings—the cattle breeding associations—had their beginning and more recently the study of all varieties of co-operative work among farmers—selling exchanges, creameries, elevators and credit societies—has been gone into for constructive purposes. It is not the belief of the college that it should actively promote the forming of co-operative concerns—the movement in this direction needs no stimulus—but it can be of service in counseling with new or prospective associations as to their prospects of success, style of organization, by-laws, and other technical details. The disadvantages of the unorganized farmers in dealing with and otherwise, well-organized farm has long since won the sympathy of thinkers for organization. A marked forward step along all these lines is planned by the college for the coming summer school from June 17th to August 1st at which specialists will present the latest conclusions upon all these subjects.

Dr. Edward Jones, of the University of Michigan will give a series of twenty lectures on the "Marketing of Farm Products." Prof. Alexander Cance of the Massachusetts Agricultural college will also give twenty lectures on "Co-operation." "How to Tell Profits" will be handled by Dean J. E. Bexell of the Oregon Agricultural college, and "Efficiency in Farming" will come in for ten lectures by Prof. R. V. Green of the University of Wisconsin.

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## THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

May 22, 1915.  
British won north of La Bassee, but were repulsed near Neuve Chapelle.  
Russians took offensive on lower San and captured four towns.  
Germans defeated Russians at Shavil.  
Austrians in Bukovina retreated.  
Norwegian steamer sunk by German submarine.  
German aviators dropped bombs on Paris.  
General mobilization of Italian army ordered and martial law proclaimed in northeast Italy.

May 23, 1915.  
British advanced east of Festubert and French near Notre Dame de Lorette and Neuville-St. Vaast.  
Russians recrossed the San in effort to outflank the Germans.  
Germans defeated Russian right wing.  
Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary.  
Austrian patrol crossed Italian frontier and was driven back.  
Turks repulsed allies at Sedd-ul-Bahr.

Great Britain, France and Russia in joint statement, accused Turkish government of responsibility for massacres of Armenians.

May 24, 1915.  
Germans attacked British near Ypres behind six-mile cloud of poison gas.  
Russian movement upon Nisko compelled Mackensen to draw in his wings.  
Furious German assaults south of Przemyśl.  
Austrian artillery shelled Italian outposts in front of Rivoli.  
Austrian vessels bombarded Italian coast towns.  
Turkish gunboat sunk by allied submarine.  
Austrian aviators bombed many Italian towns.  
Germans at Monso, Kamerun, surrendered to French.

May 25, 1915.  
Von Mackensen took six fortified villages north of Przemyśl.  
Russians won in Opatow region. Italians crossed Austrian frontier on 67-mile front.  
American steamer Nebraska struck by torpedo or mine.  
Italy declared blockade of Austrian and Albanian coasts.  
Austrians sank Italian destroyer.  
Allies bombarded many Asia Minor coast towns.  
British battleship Triumph sunk in Dardanelles by German submarine.  
British coalition cabinet announced.

May 26, 1915.  
British made further gains near La Bassee.  
Germans forced passage of the San River.  
Italians seized various towns in the Trentino.  
British submarine sank Turkish gunboat close to Constantinople.  
Zeppelin bombarded Southend, England, and later fell into sea.

May 27, 1915.  
Belgians repulsed two German attacks near Dixmude.  
Teutons forced another crossing of the San, broke through Russian lines near Stry and forced Russians back.  
Russians won fights on Upper Vistula and near Dniester marshes.  
Italian invasion of Austria continued; battles west of Predil pass and at Plochen.  
Allies in Gallipoli carried five lines of Turkish trenches with bayonet.  
British auxiliary ship Princess Irene blown up; 321 killed.  
British battleship sunk by German submarine at Dardanelles.  
Allied aviators bombarded Ludwigshafen and Ostend.

May 28, 1915.  
Fierce fighting north of Arras.  
Russians drove Germans back across the San, but Austrians advanced farther.  
Italians occupied Monte Baldo and crossed Venetian Alps.  
Austrians sank Italian destroyer and Italians sank Austrian submarine.  
Five allied steamers sunk by German submarines.

### SOME INTERESTING FACTS

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